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Copies of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith. Certain references may contain markings, underlinings or other notations. These markings are not intended and should not be construed as drawing the Examiner's attention either to selected parts or away from other parts of the references obtained by Applicant, nor should they necessarily be construed as having been made thereon during the study of the references by Applicant or its attorneys.

This information is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

The Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the listed patent.

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Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are:

- 1. Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e);
- 3. PTO-Form 1449;
- 4. Copies of references AA, AB and AJ; and
- 5. Return Receipt Postcard.

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